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SUBJECT: NEW LENINGRAD ADMIRAL APPEARS FOR NAVY DAY

1. SOVIET NAVY DAY (JULY 30) SAW REVIEW OF EVEN OLDER THAN USUAL NAVAL UNITS BUT FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE OF NEW COMMANDANT OF RED FLAG NAVAL BASE, VICE-ADMIRAL ARKADIY PETROVICH MIKHAILOVSKIY. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, LONG-AILING PREDECESSOR, ADMIRAL LEONENKOV, HAS SIMPLY RETIRED. HIS SUCCESSOR IS ONE RANK LOWER AND A SUBMARINE RATHER THAN SURFACE SHIP OFFICER BY EXPERIENCE. VICE-ADMIRAL V. I. KASYANOV TOOK THE REVIEW OF THE NAVAL UNITS WITH VICE-ADMIRAL MIKHAILOVSKIY AND JOINED HIM WITH OBKOM FIRST SECRETARY AND POLITBURO MEMBER ROMANOV PLUS MEMBERS OF OBKOM BUREAU AND GORKOM SECRETARIES ABOARD PRE-WAR CHIPAYEV CLASS CRUISER "KOMSOMOLETS." IN NAME OF LENINGRAD PARTY ORGANIZATION, DEFENSE MINISTRY AND NAVY HIGH COMMAND (IN THAT ORDER), VICE-ADMIRAL MIKHAILOVSKIY DELIVERED TRADITIONAL SPEECH EXHORTING NAVAL PERSONNEL TO GREATER EFFORTS TO INCREASE DEFENSE CAPACITY OF MOTHERLAND IN FACE OF CONTINUED THREATS FROM IMPERIALISTS, UNNAMED, WHO ARE CREATING NEW WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION.

2. IF NAVAL REVIEW DID INDEED "DEMONSTRATE INDESTRUCTIBLE MIGHT OF SOVIET NAVY," AS PRESS CLAIMS, WE HAVE NOTHING

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TO FEAR. WHOLE SHOW WAS SECOND RATE, FROM SLOVENLY APPEARANCE OF SAILORS AND MOST UNIMPRESSIVE PARADE OF SMALL CRAFT, TO MASS SWIM OF SAILORS IN FRIGID NEVA, AMATEURISH HIGH DIVING FROM FLAG SHIP, AND THIRD-RATE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES FORCED TO WAIT ONE HOUR UNTIL VIPS ARRIVED AND TO BE LAST TO LEAVE SHIP -- WITHOUT BEING GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET EVEN SHIP'S CAPTAIN.

3. CERTAINLY APPEARANCE OF MIKHAILOVSKIY WAS ONLY
NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENT.

JULY 30 KOMSOMOL ORGAN "SMENA" CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH MIKHAILOVSKIY WHICH CONTAINED SOME BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF INTEREST. WHILE HIS FATHER WAS ANTI-AIRCRAFT MILITARY ENGINEER, SON GREW UP FASCINATED BY JULES VERNE'S "20 THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA." IN MOSCOW, HE HEADED NAVAL UNIT IN PIONEER PALACE, THEN ENTERED FIRST MOSCOW NAVAL SCHOOL. AFTER FINISHING FRUNZE NAVAL SCHOOL (VOENNO-MORSKOYE UCHILISHCHE) IN LENINGRAD, HE WAS SENT TO BE NAVIGATOR ABOARD SUBMARINE OF APPARENTLY "SHCHUKI" CLASS IN PACIFIC. STATEMENT THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OFFICERS TODAY IN NAVY ARE ENGINEERS MIGHT SUGGEST MIKHAILOVSKIY HAS SAME BACKGROUND. MIKHAILOVSKIY CLAIMS TO HAVE SAILED 32 (NOT 7) SEAS, THREE OCEANS AND MILLIONS OF NAUTICAL MILES AND TO HAVE CROSSED EQUATOR FOUR TIMES. SOME MONTHS AGO WAS LAST TIME HE WENT TO SEA. HE RECEIVED LAST DISCIPLINARY MEASURE ABOUT 12 YEARS AGO, BY IMPLICATION FOR FAILING OUT OF INEXPERIENCE TO ACT SUFFICIENTLY PROMPTLY. MIKHAILOVSKIY SAID HE COULD FORGIVE OFFICER THIS SORT OF TRANSGRESSION, BUT NOT ONE OF PERSONAL LACK OF DISCIPLINE. QUALITIES WHICH MIKHAILOVSKIY VALUES IN SUBMARINER ARE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIVES OF COMRADES AND "TALENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." JOURNALIST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTED THAT MIKHAILOVSKIY HAS DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE AND IS GOLDEN STAR HERO OF USSR. IN SPARE TIME MIKHAILOVSKIY CONTINUES TO STUDY SCIENCE TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT HE PICTURES AS RAPID ADVANCES IN FLEET. SAID HE REGRETS NOW HE SLIGHTED FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN NAVAL ACADEMY IN FAVOR OF MATHEMATICS, IMPLYING HE DOES NOT HAVE HIS PREDECESSOR'S FLUENT COMMAND OF ENGLISH. MIKHAILOVSKIY SAID HIS SON IS ALSO NAVAL OFFICER AND SUBMARINER. BUCHANAN

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